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1. SYG YESTERDAY TRANSMITTED LETTER TO 25 SA'S AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN UN SYSTEM RE MEETING FIRST REFERRED REFTEL TO BE CONVENED IN GENEVA ON JUNE 28 AND 29 RE SAHELIAN DROUGHT. PURPOSE OF MEETING IS " TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AS TO THE ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS AND SHARE WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS ANY PRELIMINARY PLANS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED TO MEET THE MEDIUM- TERM AND LONG- TERM NEEDS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE AFFECTED COUNTRIES. IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT AT THIS MEETING UNCLASSIFIED

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2. LETTER PROVIDES FOR PARTICIPATION REPS POTENTIAL DONOR GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL. THESE INVITATIONS WILL FOLLOW, WE UNDERSTAND, IN SEVERAL DAYS.

3. TEXT SYG LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

" I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1759 (LIV) , A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THAT RESOLUTION, THAT COUNCIL CALLED UPON ME TO ORGANIZE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE ACTION IN ORDER TO RESPONDED TO THE REQUESTS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SUDANO- SAHELIAN REGION WITH REGARD TO THE MEDIUM- TERM AND LONG- TERM NEEDS ARISING FROM THE DEWASTATING DROUGHT WHICH HAS PLAGUED THE AREA FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

" IN THIS CONNECTION, I HAVE ENCLOSED COPIES OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON 26 AND 27 MARCH 1973 AT OUAGADOUGOU BY MINISTERS FROM THE AFFECTED COUNTRIES REGARDING THE CRITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE RESULTED FROM THE DROUGHT. THESE RESOLUTIONS PROVIDE A PRELIMINARY INDICATION OF THE VIEWS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED FOR MEDIUM- TERM AND LONG- TERM ACTION.

" IN ANTICIPATION OF MORE DETAILED REQUESTS FROM THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, I HAVE ASKED UNDER- SECRETARY- GENERAL BRADFORD MORSE TO CONVENE A MEETING AT THE PALAIS DES NATIONS IN GENEVA ON 28 AND 29 JUNE 1973, IN ORDER THAT ALL CONCERNED UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMMES AND ORGANIZATIONS MAY UNDERTAKE THE PREPARATION OF A COORDINATED AND COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO RESPOND TO THE MANDATE OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE AFFECTED COUNTRIES AS THEY ARE PRESENTED. I INVITE YOU, OR A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF YOUR STAFF WHOM YOU MAY DESIGNATE, TO TAKE PART IN THIS MEETING.

" IT IS HOPED THAT THE MEETING WILL ENABLE ALL ELEMENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AS TO THE ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS AND SHARE WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS ANY PRELIMINARY PLANS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED TO MEET THE MEDIUM- TERM AND LONG- TERM NEEDS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE AFFECTED COUNTRIES. IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT AT THIS MEETING
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A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY CAN BE DESIGNED TO MEET THOSE NEEDS AND TO DEVELOP A MANAGEMENT MECHANISM FOR THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM WHICH WILL ENSURE COORDINATED ACTION .

" ALTHOUGH THE FIRST DAY OF THE MEETING, THURSDAY, 28 JUNE, WILL INVOLVE ONLY OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, BECAUSE OF THE DEEP INTEREST OF A NUMBER OF POTENTIAL DONOR GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE MEDIUM- TERM AND LONG- TERM PROBLEMS OF THIS ZONE, IT IS MY INTENTION TO INVITE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO JOIN THE MEETING ON THE SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, 29 JUNE, IN ORDER TO ENSURE MAXIMUM COORDINATION OF EFFORTS BY ALL PARTIES IN PREPARING TO RESPOND TO ANTICIPATED REQUESTS FROM GOVERNMENTS. MOR. MORSE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH YOU AT AN EARLY DATE ABOUT THIS MATTER. YOURS SINCERELY,

S/ KURT WALDHEIM."

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